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July 26, 2005

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IN RE: Docket No. 2005-210-E – Application of Duke Energy Corporation for Authorization to Enter into a Business Combination Transaction with Cinergy Corporation

Dear Mr. Austin:

Enclosed herewith is the Notice of Filing and Hearing concerning the above-captioned Docket. **Please check the enclosed Notice of Filing and Hearing for accuracy.** In order to proceed with the processing of this Docket, it will be necessary for you to complete the following:

1. Publish at your own expense, on or before **August 8, 2005** the enclosed Notice of Filing and Hearing in newspaper(s) of general circulation in the affected areas, and provide the undersigned an **original of publication** on or before **August 29, 2005**.
2. Furnish, at your own expense, on or before **August 8, 2005** by U.S. Mail, the Enclosed Notice of Filing and Hearing to each affected customer and provide a certification that this notification has been furnished on or before **August 29, 2005**.
3. Furnish the number of witnesses and approximate time required to present your case on or before **August 29, 2005**.

Failure to comply with the above on or before the dates shown may result in **DISMISSAL** of your Pleading.

In the meantime, if you should require additional information, please advise.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure(s)
cc: Paul R. Newton, VP
Duke Energy Corporation